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Junior kicker converts all eight attempts in win at NMSU
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NEW ORLEANS - Georgia Southern junior kicker [Tyler Bass](#) was voted the Sun Belt Conference's Special Teams Player of the Week Monday, as announced by the league. He joins Appalachian State's Darrynton Evans, along with Justice Hansen and Tajheia Chambers from Arkansas State as the Week 8 honorees. Bass is the fourth different Georgia Southern player to be honored by the conference this season.

OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Darrynton Evans, Appalachian State (So., RB, Oak Hill, Fla.)

In his second career start, Evans set career highs with 203 all-purpose yards, 183 rushing yards and 26 rushing attempts, scoring two total touchdowns to lead App State to a 27-17 victory over Louisiana. His 20-yard reception in the first half was his first career receiving TD. He also had a touchdown run that gave the Mountaineers an early 7-0 lead. On a day when the Mountaineers passing attack wasn't clicking on all cylinders, Evans carried the load, including a third-quarter, 65-yard run that set up an App State touchdown to give his team a 24-10 lead. On the season, Evans now has three rushing touchdowns, a receiving touchdown and a kickoff return touchdown.

Justice Hansen, Arkansas State (Sr., QB, Edmond, Okla.)

Senior quarterback Justice Hansen was responsible for five touchdowns and 333 yards total offense while also breaking the Arkansas State school record for career passing touchdowns during the Red Wolves' 51-35 victory over Georgia State. The Edmond, Okla., native completed three touchdown passes, running his career total to 70 that gave him the sixth most in Sun Belt Conference history. Hansen, who completed 17-of-28 passes without an interception, passed for 257 yards and added 76 yards and a pair of touchdowns on the ground. His two rushing touchdowns tied his career high and his five touchdowns responsible for were only one shy of his career best. He completed multiple touchdown passes for the third time this season and 21st time of his career, and he passed for at least 200 yards for the fourth time this year and 23rd time of his career.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Tajheia Chambers, Arkansas State (So., LB, Gordon, Ga.)

Sophomore linebacker Tajheia Chambers recorded seven tackles and a career-high two fumble recoveries, including one he returned 34 yards for his first career touchdown, during Arkansas State's 51-35 victory over Georgia State. His first recovery stopped a Georgia State drive that reached A-State's 20-yard line, helping preserve a 20-7 Red Wolves lead. His touchdown score on his second recovery gave A-State a 34-7 lead they took into halftime. Two of Chambers' seven tackles, which

were the second most on the team, also came on fourth-down plays that ended Georgia State drives. The Gordon, Ga., native now has four career fumble recoveries to his credit, while his 45 tackles this season are the third most on the squad.

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

[Tyler Bass](#), Georgia Southern (Jr., PK, Irmo, S.C.)

In windy conditions at New Mexico State, Georgia Southern junior kicker [Tyler Bass](#) made all six of his PATS, made 41-yard and 25-yard field goals, and had six touchbacks in nine kickoffs. He is now 9 for 9 on fields goals (4 for 4 on 40+), 26 for 26 on PATs and has 29 touchbacks on the season.

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